

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Original) A polarizing key comprising:
a base, the base including a resiliently flexible tapered collar;
an indicia portion, the indicia portion being in spaced relation to the tapered collar, the
indicia portion including a plurality of faces, each face having an indicium;
and
a polarizing portion, the polarizing portion disposed asymmetrically to the indicia
portion such that rotating the polarizing key about a longitudinal axis of the
polarizing key changes the orientation of the polarizing portion.

9. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 8 wherein the polarizing
portion is a shaft to provide a male configuration.

10. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 8 wherein the polarizing
portion is a cavity to provide a female configuration.

11. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 8 wherein the polarizing
portion is a shaft.

12. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 8 wherein the polarizing
portion includes a perimeter.

13. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 12 wherein the perimeter is
generally semi-circular.

14. (Original) The polarizing key according to claim 12 wherein the perimeter is
generally pear-shaped.

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Claims 15-123 (Canceled).